Mail Is Delivered —85 Years Late

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A letter written nearly 85 years ago to the sheriff who shot Billy the Kid was finally delivered this week, the post office said yesterday.

It was sent to the son of Pat F. Garrett, the sheriff of Lincoln County in New Mexico Territory who is credited with gunning down the famous outlaw in 1881. The son, Jarvis P. Garrett of Albuquerque, said it contained information on Billy the Kid's whereabouts.

There was no explanation of what happened to the letter from the time it was postmarked, June 25, 1881, at Carrizozo, New Mexico Territory, until it showed up at the main post office in Los Angeles On July 14, 1964.